

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 4 as follows:

--Furthermore, the end sections are expanded by about 45° ~~degrees~~ and/or flanged when mandrels or sealing nipples are pressed into these end sections. Thus, there occurs a tight fit and very effective sealing due to the stresses created in the piece of material.--

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 6 as follows:

--There is a control unit wherein there are bending parameters of the bending units and the bending ~~units~~ units' bending movements are controlled. This design can create a large number of bends on comparatively long plastic pipes. In addition, this design can also create a smaller number of bends on shorter pipes.--

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 as follows:

--The subsequent tandem transport carriage is CNC-controlled, and takes hold of the pipe section at two places and transports it to the planned take-over position. The transport

carriage has heat insulation facilities to make sure that the pipe section does not cool down during the transport operation. When the take-over position has been reached, the end sections of the pipe are taken hold of by two sets of gripping pliers and are then expanded by 45° degrees. This is done with appropriate mandrels that are pressed axially into the ends of the pipe section. Sealing nipples are then inserted in these expanded ends. The expansion operation can also be performed directly when the sealing nipples are inserted.--

Please amend the last paragraph on page 11 as follows:

--The pipe can be gripped by gripping pliers 40 wherein the ends of these pipes can be expanded by 45° via the use of mandrels 50 inserting into the ends ~~if of~~ of the pipe to create an expanded section 16' of the pipe. When pipes 16 are bent, to prevent deformation these pipes can also contain a support material 17 disposed inside of the pipes to help keep a uniform bending process.--